

November 2015 CCMGA Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendars!

November 17th CCMGA Meeting,

Frazer UMC, 9:30 Social, 10:00

Program: Creative Holiday Decor by Phil Easter

December 2nd Lunch & Learn - *"Trees for Montgomery Soils"*

Presented by Russel Stringer

Armory Arts Learning Center, Noon to 1:00



President's Message

Greetings All,

As we enter the holiday season I hope that you all are able to share yours with those whom you love. May we remember the reason for the season...while I will not see you at our November meeting my thoughts will be with you and wish you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Please be safe if you are traveling during the holiday. Please keep all of our members who are ill and alone during this season in your prayers.

For those who were unable to attend the field trip last month, you missed a really interesting day. Stacy's home and garden is pretty amazing, the creativity she and her children have left me wishing for just a little bit of their daring!

I am looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon at Wynlakes, December 15th. The silent auction will begin before the luncheon with lunch served at 12 Noon. I hope to see you there as we have an opportunity to have an opportunity for fellowship and recognize and award members.

Warm Regards, Margaret

Christmas Luncheon/Silent Auction Wynlakes, December 15th



*Capital City Master Gardener Association
Christmas Luncheon
Wynlakes Country Club
December 15, 2015*

AGENDA

*Silent Auction
Lunch
Awards
Silent Auction Report
Installation of New Officers
President
Margaret Cully
Vice-President
Janine Koslofsky
Secretary
Miranda Tatum
Treasurer
David Toellner*

Happy Thanksgiving from MPS Arboretum!



The Wild Turkey at the Arboretum

The MPS Mission: We will engage, educate and inspire our students to succeed in college, career and beyond! Follow us on Facebook and twitter by signing up from our website www.mps.k12.al.us

Autauga County Land Owners Tour

November 19th, 9-2

Don't forget about our upcoming 2015 Autauga County Landowner Tour!! Please pre-register. You do not want to miss this event!! We are getting a great response from

sponsors!! We are working now on door prizes! We already have a Husqvarna chainsaw from Steve's Service Center, a one thermal night HOG hunt from Alabama Hog Control, a hand pump sprayer from Bernie's Feed and Garden Center, a Thermacell mosquito lantern from Prattville Farm Center and books from Alabama Wildlife Federation and we are just getting started!!

Our Gold Sponsors already include: Alabama Ag Credit, Don & Glenda Armstrong, First South Farm Credit, Autauga County Soil & Water Conservation District, Pirtle Forestry Services, ALFA Mutual Insurance Company, River Bank & Trust, Trustmark Bank, Steve's Service Center, Alabama Hog Control, and G & S Tractor & Supply.

Our Silver Sponsors already include: Saco Wood, Woodland Forest Products, D & J Auto Parts, River Wealth Management LLC, Alabama Wildlife Federation, and West Fraser, Inc. Chris's BBQ is the cater! We have a very informative tour planned!! See the flyer for all the details.



2015 Fall Landowner Tour

In conjunction with Farm City Week

Thursday, November 19, 2015

In case of rain - Tour Date will be Friday, November 20, 2015

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Registration 8:00 to 8:45 - Tour starts promptly at 9AM

Location

Trice and Johnnie Nichols Property
684 County Road 165
Prattville, AL 36067
32.467858, -86.610262

Tour and Lunch - \$10
(Riding Tour - Trailers Provided)

Topics

Going from Kudzu to Longleaf Pine
Hardwood Management
Nuisance Critters: Wild Hogs, Raccoons, Coyotes
Trees for Aesthetics
Wildlife Orchards
Using Drones in Forest Aerial Photography
Live Harvesting Operation:
Marking VS Operator Select, Planned regeneration
***5 PLM Credits and 3 Cat 1 CFE's**



Please Pre-Register with Autauga Co. Soil & Water Conservation District 334-365-5124, Ext. 3

Name(s) & Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees _____ x \$10.00 Each = \$ _____

Make checks payable to AFWSC (Autauga Forestry & Wildlife Stewardship Council)

2016 CCMGA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please give or mail this completed form and dues to the Membership Chairman, Janice Jackson, P.O. Box 241221, Montgomery, AL 36124-1221 by Dec.1, 2015. Dues are \$25.00 for full members and \$15.00 for interns, provisional members and any dual members who have their primary membership in another county. Checks should be made payable to CCMGA. Email janice.jackson.al@gmail.com with any questions.

Name _____ DOB Month _____ Day _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (please print legibly) _____

Year of your Master Gardener Class _____ County _____

Amount Enclosed: Check \$ _____ Ck No. _____ Cash \$ _____

_____ Yes, I am a dual member. County of primary membership _____

REACH FOR THE STARS hours will be calculated from the ACES volunteer database and awarded in Feb., 2016.

To help in future planning, please provide the following information: What topic(s) would you like to see presented at a meeting? Do you know a person who could present a program on this topic? Also indicate any ideas you may have for CCMGA projects.

(a) _____

(b) _____

Please list your primary areas where you volunteered last year

Please check your knowledge and skills which could benefit our organization? _____ Financial _____ Excel

_____ Power Point _____ Quick Books _____ Publicity _____ Garden Design _____ Leadership

_____ Committee Membership _____ Speaking (Topics) _____

_____ Other (Please specify) _____

Your completed form and money must be submitted by December 31,2015 or you risk not being included in the next CCMGA directory

Master Gardener Video

Thanks to Elaine Barron for sharing this amusing video.

<https://www.facebook.com/extensionmastergardener/?fref=nf>

[http:// https://vimeo.com/144437490](http://https://vimeo.com/144437490)

**Oct 27th CCMGA Meeting
& Field Trip to Stacy Harris' House**





It's Membership Renewal Time!

Janice Jackson, our 2015 membership chairman will be accepting membership renewal forms for the remainder of the year at our monthly meetings and through the mail. You may pay by check or cash but be sure to have the correct cash amount since she will not have cash on hand to make change for you. Below is the membership form. It is vital that we get our membership renewed as early as possible so we can have an up-to-date directory printed as early as possible for next year.

Chilton County Christmas Tour **December 13, 1-4**

Chilton County Master Gardeners will be hosting their 3rd annual Christmas Home Tour on Sunday, Dec. 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will be touring the homes of Walter & Sandra Graham, Randy & Gina LeCroy, Nina McCormick, Curt & Charlotte Rowland, and Jo & Pam Teel. Cookies and punch will be served at the Chilton County Extension Office until 4:30 pm.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the Chilton County Extension Office, from some Master Gardeners, or click [HERE](#) to purchase online through PayPal. Tickets purchased online will be held for pick up at the Chilton County Extension Office. The price of the tickets are: \$15 advance, \$20 day of event. Last year's tour was a big success, and this one is going to be just as exciting! Call the Chilton County Extension office at (205) 280-6268.

Prime Magazine Gardening Articles

Thank you to Cheri Youngblood (Class of 2014) for her article regarding the attribute and sometimes necessity of - PATIENCE for the December Prime Magazine edition. To read her article (after December 1st) and for the previous gardening articles written by CCMGA members in Prime Magazine, go to: <http://primemontgomery.com/>

November Lunch And Learn Bulbs in the Garden presented by Karen Weber



"And the crowd went wild" after those door prizes!





Upcoming Montgomery Master Gardener Classes

Dates: February 18th – May 5th

If you know of anyone interested in participating in the intern classes, please pass on this information. Classes will be held each Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Applications NOW being accepted for the Montgomery Master Gardener Winter Class.

Application forms are available at the Montgomery Co. Extension Office:

Eastmont Shopping Center, 5340 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL 36109

A fee of \$150.00 is to be paid after acceptance into the program. This program is hosted by the Capital City AL Master Gardener Association.

Help! Record Your Hours by Nov. 30

Just a reminder that we are in the last quarter of the fiscal year and need you to have your hours entered for CCMGA awards by November 30th and ACES awards by Dec. 31st. Marie will be tallying awards and has offered to help anyone needing assistance entering their hours.

<https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/mgmanager/login/>

Member Information Updates: **New Update**

Gene Payne has a new email address and phone number:

f_payne43@yahoo.com

(334) 549-3080

YTD Corrections are below:

Elaine Barron - phone number [334-294-9797](tel:334-294-9797)

Anne Hamner's Correct Birthdate is September 8th



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Montgomery, Alabama

The Prairie Mud will be published monthly on the 15th. Please send photos and announcements to Eileen Webb at capcitymga@gmail.com. If you have a flyer to submit, please make sure it is in a PDF format.

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